

October 29, 2013

Item No. 1

**RESOLUTION NO. 2013-CHA-93**

**WHEREAS**, Charles Woodyard has tendered and the Board of Commissioners has accepted, his resignation as Chief Executive Officer effective November 1, 2013;

**WHEREAS**, The position of Chief Executive Officer of the Chicago Housing Authority has been offered to Michael R. Merchant because of his business experience and extensive knowledge; and,

**WHEREAS**, Michael R. Merchant has agreed to accept the position of Chief Executive Officer of the Chicago Housing Authority beginning November 12, 2013.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CHICAGO HOUSING AUTHORITY**

**THAT** Michael R. Merchant is hereby appointed the Chief Executive Officer of the Chicago Housing Authority effective November 12, 2013 and is granted supervisory and management responsibility over all Chicago Housing Authority operations, programs and activities, all to be exercised in accordance with the approved policies and procedures of the Chicago Housing Authority.

**THAT** Michael R. Merchant shall have the following authority in his capacity as Chief Executive Officer:

- 1) Signature authority to execute, including but not limited to, bonds, leases, mortgages, contracts, grant applications, grants, correspondence, payroll and operations/bank drafts, transfers of funds and other legal and official documents necessary for the operation of the Chicago Housing Authority;
- 2) Delegation authority to appoint appropriate Chicago Housing Authority employees as designees to sign contracts, bonds, leases, mortgages, grant applications, grants, correspondence, payroll, operations/bank drafts, transfers of funds and other legal and official documents as he deems necessary for the efficient operation of the Chicago Housing Authority;

- 3) Any other authorizations granted to the Interim Chief Executive Officer or Chief Executive Officer by Resolutions of the Board of Commissioners since July 1, 2011.

**THAT** Effective November 12, 2013, all financial institutions are requested and directed to honor checks, drafts, and/or other payment orders that bear the facsimile signature of Michael R. Merchant without regard to whom or by what means the actual or purported facsimile signature(s) thereon may have been affixed thereto, if such signature(s) resemble(s) the facsimile specimen(s) of such signature(s) certified to and filed with the financial institution by or on behalf of the Chicago Housing Authority; and

**THAT** During the period November 2, 2013 through and including November 11, 2013, all authority previously described herein shall be vested in Amy Degnan Gempeler, Chief of Staff



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